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**From:** Williamson, Anahita [Williamson.Anahita@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/30/2023 2:11:57 PM  
**To:** Mugdan, Walter [Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov]; Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: 5 of 5: AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RELATED REQUEST TO THE WHEJAC - RE: THE REFUSAL OF THE NYC MAYOR'S OFFICE" Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group" TO ADDRESS MERCURY CONTAMINATION OF HOUSING IN THEIR DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

Walter, Mary,  
Sharing below as a FYI -  
From our end, Lora will draft a response based on the email Walter sent us last week.

Best,  
Anahita

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Lora <Smith.Lora@epa.gov>  
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 9:03 AM  
To: Williamson, Anahita <Williamson.Anahita@epa.gov>  
Subject: FW: 5 of 5: AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RELATED REQUEST TO THE WHEJAC - RE: THE REFUSAL OF THE NYC MAYOR'S OFFICE" Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group" TO ADDRESS MERCURY CONTAMINATION OF HOUSING IN THEIR DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

Good morning,

It appears Dr. Wendorff is now going to the NY Post to try to gain traction. I'll draft an email response and send to you shortly.

Best,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 11:09 AM  
To: bkato@nypost.com  
Cc: Smith, Lora <Smith.Lora@epa.gov>; Nace, Charles <Nace.Charles@epa.gov>; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
Subject: 5 of 5: AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RELATED REQUEST TO THE WHEJAC - RE: THE REFUSAL OF THE NYC MAYOR'S OFFICE" Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group" TO ADDRESS MERCURY CONTAMINATION OF HOUSING IN THEIR DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

To: Brooke Kato, Reporter, New York Post  
<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.brookenkato.com%2F&data=0%7C01%7Cw11liamson.Anahita%40epa.gov%7Ceaff8f1bf08ea49f9a71808db02caa082%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C638106841533643753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1hawwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Z3FW0uSL24N3Fn6BRg0uqsmYao%2Feax798hraow4M%2Bn0%3D&reserved=0>  
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Cc: Lora M. Staines-Smith, PhD, Human Health Risk Assessor, Superfund and Emergency Management Division, USEPA Region 2 (212) 637-4299

cc: Charles Nace, Chief, Environmental Toxicologist, Technical Support Section, Risk Assessment, EPA  
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From: Arnold P. Wendroff, PhD, MPhil, MScEd, Mercury Poisoning Project [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] home / [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]  
[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] -- Google Scholar Key Words < mercury Santeria > < mercury Wendroff >

Dear Ms. Kato,

This is the last of my mercurial missives.

You can see that at all levels, the EPA has made a pretense of addressing this issue, and actively sought to suppress it.

Below is a list of communications from EPA to me, over the course of over two decades, with naught of a substantive nature resulting in protecting the public from their ongoing exposures to elemental mercury vapor in their apartments.

It requires journalists like yourself to shed light on this governmental suppression of data, and governmental refusal to act on existing data, and to, at the very least, operationalize the Precautionary Principle, to assess the extent of mercury contamination of dwellings and of the occupants of contaminated dwellings.

Sincerely,

Arnold

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From: [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]  
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 3:12 PM  
To: 'Smith, Lora' <Smith.Lora@epa.gov>  
Cc: 'Nace, Charles' <Nace.Charles@epa.gov> [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]  
Subject: 2 of 2: AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RELATED REQUEST TO THE WHEJAC - RE: THE REFUSAL OF THE NYC MAYOR'S OFFICE" Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group" TO ADDRESS MERCURY CONTAMINATION OF HOUSING IN THEIR DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) -- Google Scholar Key Words < mercury Santeria > < mercury Wendroff >

Dear Dr. Staines-Smith (and Mr. Nace),

Here is another attempt of mine to bring my concerns to the attention of EPA's senior leadership, but to no avail!

Perhaps you will succeed where I have failed?

I reality, we need to do more than merely bringing the issue to senior leaderships attention, we need to get senior leadership to act to measure mercury vapor levels

in a representative sample of Caribbean housing as the ATSDR stated as an "urgent need" in 1999. Here in EPA Region 2, when the NJEP et al made similar measurements

in public hallways, and found highly elevated mercury vapor emanating from apartments, and published their results on their own web site and in Environmental Health Perspectives

and Science of the Total Environment, EPA 2 senior leadership ignored their findings, until in 2010 Regional Administrator Judith Enck and senior toxicologist Mark Maddaloni,

made a nominal gesture (the last of my attachments), which was never intended to be, and in fact was not, operationalized. It was a pretense at assessing the issue, and is

illustrative of EPA's bad faith.

So, once again, as professionals engaged human health risk assessment, as yourselves what should EPA be doing to assess the risk to human health posed by the tens of

thousands of homes certain to be grossly contaminated from magico-religious mercury spills, whose current occupants are totally unaware of that contamination, and perhaps

worse still, their health care providers are equally unaware, and hence cannot diagnose the manifold chronic complaints that these exposures are contributing to.

sincerely,

Arnold

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From: [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]  
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Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 1:57 PM  
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Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group" TO ADDRESS MERCURY CONTAMINATION OF HOUSING IN THEIR  
DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

To: White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) Public Comments for August 3, 2022  
Meeting whejac@epa.gov <mailto:whejac@epa.gov>

Cc: Peggy Shepard, Co-Founder and Executive Director, WE ACT for Environmental Justice peggy@weact.org  
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Cc: Shahana Hanif, City Councilwoman, NYCC District 39 (718) 499-1090 (212) 788-6969  
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District39@council.nyc.gov <mailto:District39@council.nyc.gov>

From: Arnold P. Wendorff, PhD, MPhil, MScEd, Mercury Poisoning Project mercury Santeria > < Wendorff mercury > Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Key Words <

Dear WHEJAC,

This is to apprise you that one of your distinguished members, Peggy Shepard, has long been aware of these magico-religious mercury exposures and the environmental injustice they pose to minority communities,

and yet, as the Chair of the NYC Environmental Justice Advisory Board,  
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<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww1.nyc.gov%2Fsite%2Fsustainability%2Four-programs%2Fnew-york-citys-environmental-justice-for-all-report.page&data=05%7C01%7Csmith.Lora%40epa.gov%7Cbacc6d0ab4ca4048dc0408db00812d03%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C638104331328780819%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoimC4wljAwMDAiLCJQIjoiv2luMzIiLCJBtiI6Ik1hawwiLCJXVC16Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C&sdata=jAJ8X9314RCL0VgIMy0DV8H7DHy01bytqsj80nQRMK8%3D&reserved=0> > she and her colleagues refused

to make mention of the environmental injustice associated with the magico-religious / ritualistic / cultural mercury contamination of primarily Caribbean and Latino housing, even after I had again reminded her, (and

her colleagues who may have been unfamiliar with the problem) of the issue in my email of February 25, 2021 (below).

After the report sans mention of mercury exposure was released, I contacted the my City Councilwomen, Shahana Hanif, a champion of minority rights, and although she was initially sympathetic, as her two enclosed

email responses (01/27/22 & 02/28/22) to me indicate, it appears that she got cold feet when she realized the repercussions associated with public awareness of the issue, and she refused to pursue my request as to

why Ms. Shepard and her EJ colleagues failed/refused to incorporate the issue into their official report.

In essence, this is yet another case of collusion by various members and levels of government, to suppress this issue and keep the public in ignorance of the dangers they face by occupying mercury-contaminated apartments.

The EPA's Office of Environmental Justice has been aware of this issue since its inception in 1992. Yet it has done naught of a substantive nature to address it. The NEJAC grudgingly passed a Resolution in 1996

(attached) to address the issue, but there was no follow up. The question NEJAC posed illustrates the passing of the proverbial buck, and would make a good

joke if it were not a serious issue. Question: "... where the responsibility lies within the federal agencies to address this issue?" Answer: Note that the NEJAC suggested that multiple federal "agencies" might

have responsibility to address this issue. I suggest that they include the EPA, CDC/ATSDR, NIEHS, HHS, and FEMA (see attached FEMA PAULISON & GARRATT 2006 file).

I'll end this missive here, and look forward to testifying tomorrow.

sincerely,

Arnold Wendroff

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#### National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures

#### Meeting Transcript

#### Kickoff Meeting: Launching the Conversation

June 26, 2009

Arnold Wendroff:

My name is Arnold Wendroff, I'm a medical sociologist and essentially the sole member of the Mercury Poisoning Project. I came here to badmouth ATSDR/CDC, but I would like to spread the blame around a bit. I would like to read an excerpt from a

letter written to me by the surgeon general of the United States, October 16, 1990, after I had written a letter to her about the practice of people intentionally throwing unit weights of ten grams of elemental mercury on the floors of their homes in

large numbers around the country. Antonia Novello wrote to me.

We received your letter, in which you express concern about the risk of domestic mercury exposure. The ritual of sprinkling mercury on the floor to ward off evil spirits as practiced by selected minority groups and get this, and may pose potential, may

pose potential hazards to those who encounter the mercury, and then she wrote, and get this, I am confident that these two agencies, and that is CDC and ATSDR, I'm confident that these two agencies will remain vigilant in the pursuit of this potential

health threat.

This is October 19, 1990. Now fast forward to '99 in the latest toxicological profile for mercury, which is still the current one. It says here, under exposures to children, page 480, there is an urgent need to obtain information on the levels of exposure from

these ritualistic practices to determine if children or adults are at risk. Mercury vapor concentrations may be much higher after use during the winter months, etc. That's '99, an urgent need, and then fast forward to--

Gail Bingham:

One last point so others can talk.

Arnold Wendorff

In sharing the blame here, I find myself in the interesting position to be between Peggy Shepard and Robert Bullard. These are both allegedly community environmental justice and health people, and I have repeatedly, over the years, [contacted them on

this issue] and this is the problem, they don't want to know. In this case, it's not the shipyard, it's not GE, it's not Dow Corning, it's not the Air Force, Navy, or the Marines. The communities of color in this particular case have been poisoning themselves, their

kids, and the successors to their homes, and people such as We Act and Dr. Bullard here don't want to know. They exercise zero advocacy. That's the story.

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From: [REDACTED] Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
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Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 12:43 PM  
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Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RELATED REQUEST - RE: THE REFUSAL OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE" Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group" TO ADDRESS MERCURY CONTAMINATION OF HOUSING IN THEIR DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

[TO DATE, AUGUST 2, 2022, THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FROM COUNCILMEMBER HANIF OR HER STAFF, DESPITE NUMEROUS REQUESTS IN PERSON, VIA EMAIL,

(AND ALSO BY THE EXPEDIENT OF CEMENTING MY REQUEST ON HER OFFICE DOORS! I WAS CERTAIN SHE WOULD NOT ACCUSE ME OF VANDALISM, AS SHE DOES NOT WANT THE ISSUE TO BECOME PUBLIC!]

To: Shahana Hanif, City Councilwoman, NYCC District 39 (718) 499-1090 (212) 788-6969  
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From: Arnold P. Wendorff, PhD, MScEd, Mercury Poisoning Project (718) 499-8336 544 8th Street, Brooklyn, 11215 Key Words <mercury Santeria>

Dear Councilwoman Hanif,

I attempted to introduce myself and the environmental justice issue this email addresses, to you, on the evening of December 16th at the tree-lighting ceremony at the Park Slope Armory. However, it was admittedly bad timing on my part, hence this re-attempt to inform you of the issue, and request your assistance in ensuring that it is substantively addressed.

At this juncture, I have a specific request to make, which I made on your office's voice mail yesterday, January 12th, at 4:06 PM, and which I will more formally make in this email, its enclosures, attachments, and if necessary, supplementary forwarded emails.

My issue/complaint, is that the environmental health threat described in email below, dated February 25, 2021, was completely ignored in the final report

New York City's Environmental Justice for All Report Scope of Work Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group December 2021 which can be

accessed at <  
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As you can see from page 5 of that report, 10 of the 13 members of the Environmental Justice Advisory Board were contacted by me on February 25, 2021, and

apprised in detail of this environmental injustice, and the grave environmental health threat it continues to pose. Yet their report totally ignored any mention of the issue.

#### Environmental Justice Advisory Board

- Chair: Peggy Shepard, Co-Founder & Executive Director, WE ACT for Environmental Justice
- Rebecca Bratspies, Professor of Law, CUNY School of Law
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- Costa Constantinides, CEO, Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens
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- Diana Hernandez, PhD, Assistant Professor of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health
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- Tina Johnson, NYCHA Resident and Community Activist
- Morgan Monaco, Executive Director, Red Hook Initiative

- Beryl Thurman, Founder and Executive Director, North Shore Waterfront Conservancy of Staten Island

I therefore request that as my representative to the NYC Government, you ascertain why those who prepared report, allegedly meant to protect the City's

Minority poor and minority populations from environmental health threats, refused (not merely failed), to incorporate this issue in their December 2021 report.

I look forward to your informed response.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold Wendorff

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Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 1:06 PM  
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FOLLOW UP ON MY EARLIER "DRAFT" EMAIL SENT TO District39@council.nyc.gov  
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Dear Dr. Wendorff,

Thank you for sharing with me your concerns regarding this public health crisis caused by mercury poisoning that hurts so many communities. I am sorry to hear that the Mayor's office rejected the report.

Council Member Hanif is aware of the issue and will be writing a letter to the Mayor's Office to reconsider their actions taken on the New York City's Environmental Justice for All Report Scope of Work Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group December 2021. I will follow up when I know more.

Best,

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Subject: Mayor's EJ Commission

Dear Dr. Wendorff,

I apologize for the delay in correspondence. We are still expecting a response from the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and I will continue to follow up with them the rejection of your report on the harms of mercury on their final Environmental Justice report. Although this a long process, we are following protocols and hope to hear from them soon.

Thank you for following up and I will keep you updated on any findings we have.

Best,

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[Since receipt of these emails of January 27th, and February 28th, there has been no response, and when I visited the Councilmember's office I was strongly rebuffed!]

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From: Arnold P. Wendroff, PhD, MScEd, Mercury Poisoning Project (718) 499-8336    Key Words < mercury Wendroff / mercury Santeria > ( Google / Google Scholar )

Dear Environmental Justice Advocates,

I have contacted many of you individually over the past three decades, (your names highlighted), as well as many of your organizations, regarding an environmental justice issue

which I first published on in the attached letter that appeared in the journal Nature on October 18, 1990. You and/or your organizations have ignored this particular environmental

justice issue, which EPA R2 formally recognized by granting me and my colleagues two Environmental Justice Pollution Prevention (EJPP) awards. The first was made out to the

Puerto Rican Family Institute in 1996, and the second to Medgar Evers College/CUNY in 1998. In 2010, EPA R2 also invited me to apply for one of their Regional Applied Research

(RARE) grants (attached), but failed to follow through.

The ATSDR specifically advocated for an assessment of these exposures in its Toxicological Profile for Mercury in March 1999 which stated that:

A unique exposure pathway that has received little research attention is the exposure to children from religious and ethnic uses in

homes and cars or in remedies containing metallic mercury (ATSDR 1997; Johnson [in press]; Wendroff 1990, 1991). In some

religious practices of Latin American or Caribbean origin, there are traditional rituals or remedies that involve mercury. These include

intentional sprinkling of liquid elemental mercury on the floor, burning candles made with mercury, using mercury in baths, adding

it to perfume, or wearing small containers of mercury around the neck for good luck. There is an urgent need to obtain information

on the levels of exposure from these practices to determine if children or adults are at risk. Mercury vapor concentrations may be

much higher after use during the winter months when the heat is turned on and the windows are closed, so data that reflect a variety

of possible exposure scenarios are also needed. (ATSDR, Toxicological Profile for Mercury p.480 March 1999 - excerpts attached).

So, if you individually and organizationally are serious about the differential exposure of minority communities to developmentally neurotoxic levels of mercury vapor in their homes,,

now is a good time to reconsider your and your organization's past indifference to this issue, and act to have these ongoing exposures assessed and addressed.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold Wendroff

See attached brochures which were never substantively distributed.

Excerpts attached

Article text attached

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#### MAGICO-RELIGIOUS MERCURY USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: THE PROBLEM AND SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

##### Problems posed by magico-religious mercury use

There is a latent epidemic of mercury poisoning in some Caribbean-Latino communities, just as the current epidemic of pediatric lead poisoning was latent some 40 years ago. Research has demonstrated that elemental mercury (Hg) is put to a variety of magico-religious uses in Cuban, Dominican, Haitian, Puerto Rican, etc. communities, where in the context of folk magic, as well as in religions including Espiritismo, Santeria and Voodoo, mercury metal is generically believed to attract good and repel evil. Many of these ritualistic uses expose mercury to indoor air, where its developmentally neurotoxic vapor escapes and contaminates the dwelling. The most problematic, and one of the more common practices, is to sprinkle mercury on floors and furnishings of homes, and in the interior of automobiles. As this mercury is not cleaned up, it remains in porous surfaces such as flooring for decades. When disturbed, as by walking, sweeping, or vacuuming, the mercury liberates developmentally neurotoxic levels of mercury vapor. Therefore, the majority of the mercury vapor exposures are at second-hand, from 'historic' ritualistic mercury spills. Those exposed can have no idea that their dwelling is contaminated, as the mercury droplets are hidden in crevices in the floor, and mercury vapor is invisible and odorless.

Ritualistic mercury exposure is overwhelmingly via inhalation, ~80% of inhaled mercury vapor entering the lungs is absorbed into the blood, where, prior to its oxidation, it is transported throughout the body. Being fat soluble, the elemental mercury passes into all tissues, including the brain, and via the placenta into the fetal circulation and the developing brain. In the tissues, mercury atoms combine with the molecules of intracellular structures, damaging them while forming insoluble mercury compounds, which remain in the damaged cells.

The EPA's evacuation level for mercury vapor in a dwelling is 10 micrograms of mercury per cubic meter of air, and the reoccupation level after cleanup, is 1 microgram per cubic meter of air. Mercury contamination is time-consuming and expensive to remediate. A small apartment that had ~10 grams of mercury sprinkled on its floor some years ago could easily cost several tens of thousands of dollars to decontaminate.

##### What we know about magico-religious mercury use

Elemental mercury is well documented as a potent toxin, especially to the central nervous system, although most of the data is from adult exposures and relatively little data exists on maternal-fetal and pediatric exposure. However, there is an enormous literature, and commensurate concern, on maternal-fetal and pediatric methylmercury exposure. Much of this literature is applicable to mercury vapor exposure, as it is the mercury atoms/ions that are toxic. There is no question that if mercury is

sprinkled in homes in mean weights of ~10 grams, those homes will be semi-permanently contaminated with developmentally neurotoxic levels of mercury vapor.

Survey research has demonstrated the widespread nature of ritualistic mercury sales and use in some Caribbean-Latino communities. The best data on sales and presumed use are from the Bronx, NY, where in 1995 35 of 38 botanicas sold between ~25,000 and ~155,000 ~9 gram mean weight containers of mercury in 1995. Between ~8,000 and ~50,000 Bronx homes are believed to have had ~9 grams of that mercury sprinkled on their floors in 1995.

The best data on mercury use are from Lawrence, MA, where of 898 Dominicans interviewed, 12% had sprinkled mercury around a child's crib; 12% had sprinkled it in a car; 10% swallowed it in a drink; and 17% burned it in a candle or oil lamp.

We have data on elevated mercury vapor levels in public hallways of housing in two heavily Caribbean-Latino (~80% Cuban and Dominican) communities in New Jersey where mercury was widely sold for ritualistic uses.

We have data from children in the Bronx, NY where 5 of 100 had clinically elevated urine mercury levels believed to be from ritualistic exposure.

We have data on elevated mercury levels believed due to ritualistic use in wastewater emanating from Caribbean-Latino communities in New York City, and in water and sediments in the NY/NJ harbor.

An index case of a 3 year old Puerto Rican girl presumably poisoned by ritualistic mercury use was published in Pediatric Dermatology (03/12) and in Pediatric Emergency Care (08/12). Neither paper mentioned that her 8 and 10 year old siblings, and her 32 year old mother had highly elevated mercury burdens, necessitating the chelation of the siblings. Had not the 3 year old exhibited the signs of acute mercury toxicity (acrodynia), the family would have remained exposed to mercury vapor levels ranging from 10 to 34  $\mu\text{m}^3$  !

#### Barriers to addressing the problem

The inherent political incorrectness of the issue, namely that poor ethnic and religious minorities are contaminating their own and their successor's homes with a potent neurotoxin within the context of their religious and magical beliefs.

The total lack of advocacy on the part of the Caribbean-Latino community, especially of their political, environmental, and medical elites, who are too embarrassed by these magico-religious practices to assess and address them.

The mandated domestic evacuation level of 10 micrograms per cubic meter of mercury vapor.

The enormity of the cost of remediating mercury-contaminated housing, which government would incur.

The impacted nature of the problem, which had been identified over two decades ago (in Nature October 18, 1990), and which, if real, will subject government to enormous legal and financial exposure, as well as embarrass individuals and organizations who have failed to act to assess and address this obvious environmental health threat.

#### Proposed steps to address the problem

The key to addressing the issue is to demonstrate (or disprove) that housing in Caribbean-Latino communities is contaminated with mercury as a result of its magico-religious use. This is simple and cheap to do using a portable mercury-vapor analyzer to non-invasively measure mercury levels in the public hallways of a representative sample of heavily Caribbean-Latino apartment buildings (especially public housing) in communities (Bronx, NY; Union City, & West New York, NJ; Lawrence, MA) where

ritualistic mercury was known to have been sold and used. Occupants of apartments emitting high levels of vapor would be notified and requested to allow measurements of the vapor levels inside their homes. Occupants of contaminated apartments would be tested for elevated mercury levels and diagnosed for symptoms and signs of mercury poisoning.

Several local, state and federal government agencies have a mandate to perform such research, but to date have refrained from doing so. It has long been apparent to all familiar with the problem, that should this research be carried out, it would almost certainly result in demonstrating that very large numbers of homes are contaminated, and so would require their evacuation and decontamination, as well as demonstrating the failure of the environmental health system.

The utility of mercury vapor filters needs to be assessed, which if placed in mercury-contaminated homes, would allow their occupants to remain in them until the dwellings could be decontaminated.

Any health education programs must be based on informing the mercury-exposed communities of the reality of their mercury exposure and of its effects. The majority are exposed at second-hand, and are not ritualistic mercury users, and in many cases not of Caribbean or Latino ethnicity.

Health care providers serving mercury-contaminated communities need to be informed of these exposures and their clinical picture. This will raise their clinical suspicion and enable them to diagnose exposures which they are currently missing. Two examples of such attempts are

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Dear Arnold, Greetings from Puerto Rico.

Thank you for the information.

You are right, in Puerto Rico we see sales of elementary mercury for religious and spiritual rituals and are usually sold in "Botánicas" which are small, local stores that sell folk remedies, candles, incense and articles used in rituals.

It is usually not open, but instead you need to talk to the owners or their employees to get to these materials.

People that sell the EM know it is illegal, but the people that are believers and practice these rituals create a demand.

I believe from what I know from the communities I have worked with, that people in general are not aware of the harmful effects of EM, and that it is very difficult to clean. I am on the board of directors of a Federally Qualified Community Health Center, in the Santurce area of San Juan, where we have a great concentration of immigrants from the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

We learn of these practices within people that come from these Countries, as well as from native Puerto Ricans.

I believe it would be very important to study this potential health hazard in this geographical area. It is important to note this area also coincides with lower socio economic levels and housing challenges.

If you have any suggestions we would be very grateful.

sincerely,

Carmen

Carmen Milagros Vélez Vega, PhD., MSW.

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One example of a religious practice using mercury is in Santeria, a religion of some Hispanic Americans. There are documented cases of children who have been exposed to high levels of mercury in the context of Santeria practices or from misuse of mercury-containing objects used in these practices.

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Persons practicing religions, such as Esperitismo, Santeria, and Voodoo, may carry the mercury in pouches, wear it as a charm or necklace, swallow it in drinks or as capsules, sprinkle it around a child's bed or inside a car for protection, or burn it in devotional candles. There may be other religions and cultures that use mercury or mercury ...

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mercury is used in Santeria, and 2. To survey mercury vapor levels in hallways and vestibules of apartment buildings in Hispanic areas of NJ to detect evidence of possible residential mercury use. Methods Interview S tudy With the assistance of one of the investigators (Leal), who is, himself, a Santero (Santeria priest), contact was made with

\* Religious use of mercury persists even after health ...

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Jul 03, 2004 · But health officials said Santeria uses mercury in rituals similar to those of Voodoo. In the book Rituals and Spells of Santeria, sold by a ...

\* Orisha and Planets - Freedom Vidya

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It is called Santeria in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, Umbanda, ... She is the teacher of the herbal arts and can be associated indirectly with Mercury (or Dhanvantri). Jupiter. Jupiter manifests through Orunmila (orula, Orunla) who is the Yorubá Grand Priest. He is referred to as Agbonniregun, the embodiment of knowledge and ...

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Dec 05, 2013 · Mercury – Elegba (e-LEH-bah) [also known as Elégbara (e-leh-BAH-rah); Esu ... In Santeria he is recognized as Saint Norbert. Ochosi is the son of Yemaya. He is the patron Saint of those who have problems with the law. Besides being a hunter and a warrior he is also a magician, a seer and a fisherman.\* His children are men who are alert ...

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Palo Mayombe. Often referred to as Santeria's 'evil twin,' Palo Mayombe is considered the darkest and most feared of all the black magic practices. ARM investigators have, on several occasions, received warnings to steer clear for their protection. A single personal item left behind is enough to use in a ceremony for severe spells and ...

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Example: The use of mercury in Santeria Santeria is an Afro-Hispanic belief system. The use of mercury for Santeria and other spiritual practices has been reported in the Dominican Republic, Cuba and other Caribbean islands, Suriname, Belize, Trinidad, Jamaica, Peru, Ecuador,

\* Elemental Mercury Use in Religious and Ethnic Practices in ...  
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Elemental mercury is used in folk medicine and in certain religious practices in the Latin American and Caribbean communities. However, exposure to mercury can cause serious health problems including neurotoxicity. There are, therefore, concerns that mercury users are exposing themselves to dangerous levels of this toxicant. A survey was conducted to determine the use ...

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Example: The use of mercury in Santeria Santeria is an Afro-Hispanic belief system. The use of mercury for Santeria and other spiritual practices has been reported in the Dominican Republic, Cuba and other Caribbean islands, Suriname, Belize, Trinidad, Jamaica, Peru, Ecuador,

#### \* Santeria and Palo Mayombe: Skulls, Mercury, and Artifacts

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The neighbor reportedly operated a business preparing mercury-filled amulets for practitioners of the Afro-Caribbean religion Santeria. At diagnosis, urinary mercury levels in the children ranged ...

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<[One example of a religious practice using mercury is in Santeria, a religion of some Hispanic Americans. There are documented cases of children who have been exposed to high levels of mercury in the context of Santeria practices or from misuse of mercury-containing objects used in these practices.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pediatrics.emory.edu%2Fcenters%2Fpediatric%2Fconcern%2Fmercury.html&data=05%7C01%7CSmith.Lora%40epa.gov%7Cbacc6d0ab4ca4048dc0408db00812d03%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C63810433133229488%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDA1LCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJB1i6Ik1hawwiLCJXVC16Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C&sdata=sSblwuFFw7BDHUIaHPraQrenSrvw4zz00%2BhMuua51uU%3D&reserved=0></a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

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Metallic mercury is sold under the name "azogue" in stores (sometimes called botanicas), which specialize in religious items used in Esperitismo (a spiritual belief system native to Puerto Rico), Santeria (a Cuban-based religion that venerates both ...

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Mar 01, 2015 · Mercury is sometimes an ingredient in a nganga, and its presence has been noted in other forensic analyses of ngangas. Followers say that Palo Mayombe can be used for good and evil: the former is referred to nganga cristiana, while the latter is referred to as nganga judía.

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that people practicing Espiritismo, Santeria, or Voodoo carry mercury in pouches as a charm, swallow it in drinks or as capsules, sprinkle it around a child's bed or inside a car for protection, or burn it in candles to ward off evil spirits, bring good luck, or for love spells.

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In Santeria mercury can be used spiritually in icons and amulets. It is thought to spiritually clean and purify and ward off evil. It has the power to bring luck, love and money and is therefore used in people's homes. Too bad mercury doesn't just bring luck, love and good fortune - it's also toxic.

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